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Dear Mr. Miller and Commissioners,

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A few days ago, we received a letter from Arizona Public Service announcing that they were filing for a TWENTY PER-CENT increase in electric rates. That was in addition to the temporary increase for 1.7 per-cent increase identified as pending before the Commission AND the expectation of requesting ANOTHER five percent increase in April of 2006. I could not believe what I was reading!

Granted, gasoline costs have increased, and we desperately need a "Price Gouging Law" as do other States. I must point to the hydroelectric and coal producing electricity that makes up much to satisfy Arizona's demand however. I have been in business myself and also served as an Elected Official for sixteen years, or four terms. In both cases, I have learned that there are times when you must "do more with less". Rate increases such as those outlined are absurd! Yes, I am sure A.P.S. has more customers, that for the most part are obtaining service in areas that currently have existing transmission lines, that individuals or developers are paying to have service established and obviously their gross revenues are increasing commensurately. Their claim of "need" rings hollow!

When "we", (Arizonans), see a similar increase in our paychecks or fixed and limited retirement incomes, then and ONLY then should Arizona Public Service be granted an increase! I urge you to tell them "NO! You will NOT be granted your requested increase!"

I have never felt it necessary to write the Commission in my fifty-nine years in Arizona until now. Please represent Arizonan's collective interests as stated. Thanking you for your service and protecting Arizona now and in the future, I remain,

Sincerely,


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Mr. Jeff Hatch-Miller, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Hatch-Miller,

Recently the APS, an Arizona electric supply company, a subsidiary of Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, wrote to their Arizona customers announcing they had filed for a 20 percent increase in their electric rates. Moreover, they announced an anticipated filing for an additional increase of 5 percent next April. This seems like an extremely odd time to be requesting increases.

- Fuel prices are the lowest in five months, a 24 percent decrease.
- Gasoline prices have decreased from over \$3.00 per gallon a year ago to less than \$2.00 in many places this month. \$1.90 in Missouri, \$1.97 in Oklahoma.
- APS has stated an increase of 300,000 customers, which should have increased their efficiencies with concomitant operation cost reduction.
- The Big 6 oil company executives recently embarrassed themselves before Congress with their obscene profits.
- The Big 6 oil company executives in their testimony before Congress embarrassed themselves to the world with their arrogance.
- APS has recently decommissioned hydro-powered generators that are not fuel-price related.
- Safer, more reliable underground electric distribution systems, paid for by customers, have resulted in lower maintenance costs for APS.

I didn't expect a filing for reduced prices by APS, but a 20 to 25 percent increase is absurd. The Commission is respectfully requested to deny the APS filings.

Very truly yours,



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To our Customers:

On Friday, we filed for a 20 percent increase in our electric prices.

The reason won't come as a surprise. Fuel costs are way up – natural gas prices for example, have tripled in the last three years. Those same unprecedented fuel prices you are experiencing when you fill up your car are having a dramatic impact on the cost of electricity.

While fuel costs represent two-thirds of this request, they aren't the only reason. Arizona's future will rely on an electric company that is strong enough to power an expanding economy with electricity that is safe, reliable and environmentally friendly. This increase will allow APS to meet this future, while investing in energy efficiency programs for our customers and building necessary infrastructure to meet the demands of our rapidly growing state.

We have worked very hard to increase our efficiency as a company. We've added more than 300,000 customers over the last decade, without increases in our staff. We've invested in new technology and environmentally friendly energy resources, and have aggressively managed volatile gas prices for the benefit of our customers.

The hard work will not cease, but a price increase has become a necessity.

We understand higher prices aren't welcome news. And, to be clear, this is in addition to the 1.7 percent temporary increase related to fuel price adjustments pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission. We also expect to file for another fuel price adjustment in April 2006 that could be as much as an additional 5 percent, a portion of which is for Palo Verde-related expenses.

We don't like having to ask to increase your bills, but keeping the lights on for our state is a responsibility we take very seriously. A healthy Arizona requires an electric company strong enough to meet our state's needs.

I invite you to learn more about this important issue at BrightArizonaFuture.com.

Sincerely,

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November 28, 2005

Hon. Jeff Hatch-Miller
Hon. Mike Gleason
Hon. Kristen Mayes
Hon. William Mundell
Hon. Marc Spitzer

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IN RE: APS Application for 20 percent increase in price

Dear Commission Members;

Recently I received a letter in the mail from APS stating their intent to file for a 20 percent increase in their price structure. Needless to say, I was shocked at their desire for an increase in delivery price when the company already has a 1.7 percent price increase currently pending and have stated their desire to seek an additional price increase of 5 percent in April 2006.

It is apparent that due to increased fuel prices, there must be some sort of increase for the company as we cannot expect the shareholders of a private concern to subsidize utilities for all Arizonans. However, a 26.7 percent increase in prices in one calendar year is not only outrageous, but enough to sicken the collective conscience of the consumers.

For example, this would add \$92 dollars to my electric bill for July. A .267 increase in price would increase my home electric bill by nearly \$650.00 per year. That is exactly the difference of one month's mortgage payment for me. For some this price increase would hurt less, and for others hurt a lot more. Please ask yourselves the following questions: (1) Does Pinnacle West really need the increases, and (2) How much is enough? Is APS betting their market strategy on the fact that utilities are basic necessity of life (like gasoline) and are they banking on the fact that the consumers will consent to an artificial economy of scale much as they have with the advent of two dollar gasoline? By the way, what is the P/E ratio of Pinnacle West Capital Company?

As for me, I already have a solar water heater and solar pool heater. I am probably going to convert my home heating to a renewable energy such as a corn burning furnace. I can do these things because I have the money to do so. What about those that do not have the capital for that kind of investment and who make it month to month in their current financial predicaments?

As a profession, I have chosen to farm. No one knows better the cost of increases in energy than me. Anhydrous ammonia and diesel fuel are up 300 percent in cost from where they were just over two years ago. The difference is that I cannot simply pass along the increased cost to an end consumer. I am bound to suffer the vagaries of the futures markets and cut costs where and when I can if I am to make a profit. Why should APS simply receive a nearly %30 increase in prices because they have asked for it and times are a little tougher than they were two years ago? What about options for APS to pursue additional sources of renewable energy?

I guess all I am asking for is that the members of the ACC to take a long, hard look at the options on the table because there really is no way to pass an increase of this magnitude without hurting a significant portion of the energy consumers in Arizona.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Conner".

William E. Conner

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CC: All ACC Members